Regarding The Sacrifice Within Liber AL

A brief description of a subjective perception of Hadit as a prelude to the essay:

"I'm not sure if I have told you before, but (previous to my gnosis with chapter 2, verse 7), I had an out of body experience in which I experienced full exteriorization and bi-location; being that I felt my astral body vibrate out of my physical shell while I was sleeping one night, while still experiencing both bodies at the same time. It was one of the most profound things which I have ever gone through. I floated through many astral colors (like the ones you see before you fall asleep, but more vivid than any color you see in waking life as you transcend the planes going upwards) until they all merged into one brilliant white light which was like fire which emanated this thunderous sound, like a perpetual earthquake. I later took this whole experience as an inner initiation; I was supposed to experience it at that time... While observing the white light / fire, I perceived that it was coming, perpetually exploding, through some type of veil, through which I could not pass lest all parts of me would be destroyed except that which was exactly the same vibration as the light itself, and before the energy reached the veil it could be faintly perceived as how you would see sound waves, if they were visible, or something like water ripples...very psychedelic and hard to describe (although I was on absolutely no drugs). Then it would explode into pure light. After being held in front of this vision for a brief time, I woke up in my physical body not remembering the return journey. And here was what really struck me in the most profound manner. I looked around my bedroom and realized that I could still perceive the light I had just seen, within everything, even inanimate objects. It was perpetually exploding, bringing all things into creation every moment. And then I looked at my hands, and realized that the light was within them as well, bringing me into creation every moment as well, sustaining my existence. In that moment I felt as though I understood a notion of "unconditional love" more than I could ever have understood it intellectually. This force I had witnessed, literally was sustaining everything in creation in every single moment, including myself...it was after this notion that I realized a deeper aspect of myself, that it was "I that go..."."

Reply letter regarding the sacrifice:

I was musing on the verse we were discussing last night "sacrifice cattle, little and big, after a child." I have a few thoughts but no definite conclusions...perhaps you will get something out of it. Forgive my disorganized rambling but I'm just going to lay it out and maybe you'll notice something I don't. Here goes:

Cattle, to me, seems like a direct reference to the formula of AL. Both Aleph and Lamed have symbolism connected to "cattle." Aleph means "Ox", and Lamed means "Ox-goad". This could also be connected to the passive and active formulas of LA and AL that we find within LAShTAL. More interesting, once you take the LA and the AL off the word, of course you get ShT, or Set. I immediately think of the connection to Aiwass, and the placement of the HGA on the Tree of Life in Tiphareth. Not only is Tiphareth the position of the crowned and conquering *child*, the child is also a magickal image associated with the 6th sephira. My interpretation is that "after a child" is a cue that the "sacrifice" is to be performed after attaining the knowledge and conversation of the HGA.

Following further on my Aleph tirade...Aleph is the path from Kether to Chokmah. Now, as I'm sure you know, it is said that the HGA in Tiphareth is the only way one can really understand Kether because Kether is above the Abyss. The *child*, or HGA, if you will bear with me here, is a reflection of Kether. Tiphareth is how we can know Kether. To sacrifice a child, implies the ordeal of crossing the abyss, because it is said that in order to cross one must not only give up one's self, but also one's "holy guardian angel." But to sacrifice cattle after that fact is to ultimately sacrifice the symbolism of the Aleph, which implies sacrificing the knowledge of the path from Chokmah to Kether; which is the final path of return. From such a mundane verse, I find a directive to complete annihilation of the self and entrance into Samadhi.

Also, AL and LA have long been corresponded to the Sign of the Enterer and the Sign of Silence...I also can't help but think of the Aeon card in the Thoth deck when mentioning this...which of course is the path of the letter Shin. I think that these two signs are the lower manifestation of a much more subtle mystery which we have just discussed.